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Section 9-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, as amended by §5-a of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 requires, on or before July 1, 2022, <u>every</u> local educational agency (LEA) receiving funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) act of 2021 to post on its website and submit to the New York State Education Departent (NYSED) an updated plan of how such funds will be expended and how the LEA will prioritized spending on non-recurring expenses as defined in section 9-a(1) of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021. This updated plan must include:

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An analysis of public comment;

Goals and ratios for pupil support;

Detailed summaries of Investments in current year activities; and

Balance of funds spent in priority areas.

Instructions

The State Budget Reporting Survey is due by July 1, 2022.

LEAs must complete all sections and are required to answer questions marked with a red asterisk. If a required question has not been completed, the business portal will highlight it in red and the section of the application will be flagged. The applicant will be unable to submit the application to NYSED for final review if a required question remains unresolved.

The online application may only be submitted/certified by the chief school officer of the applicant LEA. The designated superintendent (public school LEAs) or the chief executive officer, board of trustees president, or school employee designated by the board of trustees (charter school LEAs), are the only administrators with the submit/certify rights necessary to successfully submit and certify a completed application for NYSED review.

LEAs are NOT REQUIRED to send hard copies of survey materials to the Department.

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- 1. Have you made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application?
 - ☐ YES, the LEA has made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.
 - ☑ NO, the LEA has not made changes to your approved ARP ESSER application.
- 2. Please provide an analysis of public comment for the updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding.

As described in the original ARP Spending Plan, TRCS' strategy for using ARP funds was developed with the input and involvement of key members of our school community, including school leadership, faculty and parents. As TRCS established its ARP Spending Plan, it relied heavily on the stated preferences and recommendations of parents and teachers in online surveys and allocated funding to support activities and resources identified as "high-priority" by the school community. For instance, TRCS' allocation of ARP funds to support small-group tutoring and related academic enrichment programs was recommended by 91% of respondent parents, and our allocation of ARP funds to support after-school programs was recommended by 62% of respondent teachers. TRCS' allocation of funds to strengthen its social-emotional supports for students, including expanding counseling staff, was recommended by nearly 100% of respondent parents and students.

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TRCS has engaged the school community in post-award planning and implementation of all ARP-funded activities, including the summer school program, the after-school program and tutoring. For instance, ARP funded programs and supports were discussed during monthly virtual town hall meetings that were attended by parents and other school stakeholders. Use of ARP funds was an agenda item at the town hall meetings, and attendees were informed about implementation of ARP-funded activities and supports—e.g., ARP-funded after school and summer school programs and the use of ARP funds to support hiring of a social worker and academic intervention specialists. Parent comments during and following these town hall meetings were positive, and parents particularly expressed interest in having their children participate in summer and after-school programs.

There is evidence of community support and satisfaction with ARP-funded activities. For instance, the ARP-funded summer program had full enrollment, and there were high levels of student engagement. This indicates that parents, who voluntarily enrolled their children, supported the program. Parents also expressed strong interest in continuing the summer school program in future years. In response to this demand, TRCS will implement a summer school program in 2022 using private foundation funds.

3. Please provide a description of program goals and per pupil teacher ratios for priorities supported by ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include additional program goals.

Program Goals	Per Pupil Teacher Ratios (# : #)
Implementing Health and Safety Protocols. ARP funds were used to cover costs of COVID testing (Access Nursing) in May-June 2021 and in Summer 2021.	N/A
Accelerating Student Learning. ARP funds were used to cover costs of: a) Summer school programming in Summer 2021; b) After-school programming (82nd Street Academics) in 2021-22; c) Tutoring (82nd Street Academics) in May-June 2021; and d) Improved access to and use of assessment data (Achievement Network—ANet).	1 to 9.5
Expanding Instructional Support. ARP funds were used to cover costs of additional instructional staff and to provide stipends to instructional leaders. Specifically, ARP funds were used to cover costs of: a) Salary for a Response-to-Intervention (RTI) Teacher for one year (2021-22); b) Salary for an English as a New Language (ENL) Teacher for one year (2021-21); c) Supporting salaries for two instructional paraprofessional for one year (2021-22); d) Stipends for Cluster Coordinators for Teaching and Learning for one year (2021-22); e) Stipends for RTI Coordinators for one year (2021-22); f) Stipends for Advisory Coaches for one year (2021-22); and g) Stipends for Co Facilitators of the Collaborative School Governance Committee (CSG) for one year (2021-22).	N/A
Expanding Social-Emotional Support. ARP funds were used to cover the salary of a Social Worker for 18 months (January 2021 through the 2021-22 school year).	N/A

4. Please provide detailed summaries of investments in current year activities for ARP - ESSER funding. Click on "Add Row" as needed to include programs.

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Summary of New Programs or Expansion of Existing Programs in Current Year	Investment (\$)
Implementing Health and Safety Protocols. ARP funds were used to cover costs of COVID testing (Access Nursing) in May-June 2021 and in Summer 2021.	\$45,181.25
Accelerating Student Learning. ARP funds were used to cover costs of: a) Summer school programming in Summer 2021; b) After-school programming (82nd Street Academics) in 2021-22; c) Tutoring (82nd Street Academics) in May-June 2021; and d) Improved access to and use of assessment data (Achievement Network—ANet).	174,650.29
Expanding Instructional Support. ARP funds were used to cover costs of additional instructional staff and to provide stipends to instructional leaders. Specifically, ARP funds were used to cover costs of: a) Salary for a Response-to-Intervention (RTI) Teacher for one year (2021-22); b) Salary for an English as a New Language (ENL) Teacher for one year (2021-21); c) Supporting salaries for two instructional paraprofessional for one year (2021-22); d) Stipends for Cluster Coordinators for Teaching and Learning for one year (2021-22); e) Stipends for RTI Coordinators for one year (2021-22); f) Stipends for Advisory Coaches for one year (2021-22); and g) Stipends for Co Facilitators of the Collaborative School Governance Committee (CSG) for one year (2021-22).	311,611.00
Expanding Social-Emotional Support. ARP funds were used to cover the salary of a Social Worker for 18 months (January 2021 through the 2021-22 school year).	187,742.23

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5. Please explain how ARP ESSER funds will be expended by the LEA, by school year, for each of the priority areas in the chart below.

	2021-22 School Year (\$)	2022-23 School Year (\$)	2023-24 School Year (\$)
Safely returning students to in-person instruction.	45,181	0	0
Maximizing in-person instruction time.	0	0	0
Operating schools and meeting the needs of students.	0	0	0
Purchasing educational technology.	0	0	0
Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.	287,111	7,500	0
Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.	187,742	25,076	0
Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.	199,150	0	0
Supporting early childhood education.	0	0	0
Other (please describe below)	0	0	0
Totals:	719,184	32,576	0

6. If 'Other' is indicated in the table above, please describe.

N/A

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